

Mr. REUSS. The Secretary of the Interior has allocated \$415,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the State of Wisconsin is putting in from its own tax resources an equivalent of \$415,000.

Mr. JOHNSON. I understand you have taken that land in fee, for the most part.

Mr. REUSS. That is correct, because it turned out for that land that fee simple acquisition was about as inexpensive as scenic easement acquisition.

I should give credit, incidentally, to some private interests, the Consolidated Paper & Power Co., the Wisconsin Public Service Co., a utility which owned vast sections of this land, which was willing to sell it to the State and to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a figure that I am sure was less than they could have gotten by selling it to cheap-jack developers who would have ruined the place, and they deserve a place in the pantheon for what they did.

Mr. ASPINALL. Are they out of 7,000 acres within the upper 24 miles or in the Menominee 24 miles?

Mr. REUSS. They are in the Menominee portion. The State's portion—will supply the exact figure for the record, but I believe it is substantially similar.

Mr. ASPINALL. The 700 miles will be purchased within the Menominee or within the State portion?

Mr. REUSS. 700 acres?

Mr. ASPINALL. Yes.

Mr. REUSS. Within the Menominee portion.

Mr. ASPINALL. All right. Now, the next question I want to ask you is this, If the Menominees are receiving \$150,000 annually for a lease, what will be the cost to the Federal Government if it tries to purchase the land that is involved along the river? In other words, \$150,000 a year annual rental seems to add quite a good bit of a capital value to that area.

Mr. REUSS. I have already said that while I have been furnished by the Department of the Interior with its purchase figure, I was told that this was a figure which was available to the committee and unless the chairman insists, I would sooner not mention it. The chairman will shortly know it if he does not already. I know it. I believe it is a reasonable figure and I would make the point that the figure mentioned by the Department of the Interior is vastly less than the capitalized value of this rental.

I can see what is in the chairman's mind. The State of Wisconsin wanted to be generous to the Menominee Indians and wanted to pay a rental for these 3 years which would enable the Menominees to run a school and a hospital and meet the costs of their tubercular patients. That is the truth of the matter and if there was an element of welfare in it, rather than a purely economic judgment as to the value of the rental, God will forgive the State of Wisconsin, I am sure.

Mr. ASPINALL. Of course, while I commend it we do not want to get ourselves in a position where we continue that beneficent attitude of the State of Wisconsin under this legislation. We will have to look at this rather hard to see what the cost is going to be.

One other thing. I want to have it understood that antipollution developments may be a part of this program, but this scenic rivers